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Mr. Sofia,

This is in response to your communication received 19 June 2007 requesting the status of the national stage application 10/593,472. The national stage processing is currently experiencing a backlog of 16-18 months from the date of filing. The application is still under preexam processing and no filing receipt or Notice of Acceptance has been issued.

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